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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: OCTOBER 1998

The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) rose 0.2 percent in October, before seasonal adjustment, to a level of 164.0 (1982-84=100), the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported today. For the 12-month period ended in October, the CPI-U has increased 1.5 percent.

The Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) also rose 0.2 percent in October, prior to seasonal adjustment. The October 1998 CPI-W level of 160.6 was 1.3 percent higher than the index in October 1997.

CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)

On a seasonally adjusted basis, the CPI-U rose 0.2 percent in October, following no change in September. The October advance reflects upturns in the indexes for food and for energy. The food index, which was unchanged in September, rose 0.6 percent in October. Prices for food at home increased 0.7 percent after declining 0.2 percent in September, primarily as a result of a sharp turnaround in prices for fruits and vegetables. The energy index, which declined 1.3 percent in September, rose 0.9 percent in October. The index for petroleum-based energy increased 2.4 percent, while the index for energy services fell 0.3 percent. Excluding food and energy, the CPI-U increased 0.2 percent in October, the same as in each of the preceding three months. Smaller increases in the indexes for shelter and for cigarettes largely were offset by upturns in the indexes for apparel, for household furnishings and operation, and for education and communication.

Table A. Percent changes in CPI for Urban Consumers (CPI-U)

Expenditure Category	Seasonally adjusted	Un- Compound adjusted
	Changes from preceding month 1998	annual rate 12-mos. 3-mos. ended ended

	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Oct. '98	Oct. '98
All Items	.2	.3	.1	.2	.2	.0	.2	1.7	1.5
Food and beverages	.1	.5	.1	.2	.3	.0	.5	3.3	2.3
Housing	.4	.3	.1	.2	.1	.2	.2	2.3	2.3
Apparel	-.1	.4	.2	-.3	1.1	-.7	.1	1.5	.5
Transportation	-.1	.1	-.3	.3	.0	-.4	.3	-.6	-2.2
Medical care	.4	.3	.4	.2	.4	.3	.2	3.5	3.6
Recreation	.0	.0	.1	.0	.1	.1	-.3	-.4	1.1
Education and communication	.3	.3	.1	.0	-.5	.0	.2	-1.2	1.1
Other goods and services	1.0	.7	.0	.7	.1	.9	.3	5.5	5.2
Special Indexes									
Energy	-.1	.3	-.7	.0	-1.0	-1.3	.9	-5.4	-9.1
Food	.1	.6	.1	.2	.2	.0	.6	3.3	2.4
All Items less Food and energy	.3	.2	.1	.2	.2	.2	.2	2.3	2.3

Beginning with release of data for January 1999, the BLS will introduce a new formula for calculating the basic components of the CPI. See page 4 for more details. See pages 5-9 for announcements of other methodological changes to be introduced with data for January 1999.

During the first 10 months of 1998, the CPI-U rose at a 1.6-percent seasonally adjusted annual rate (SAAR). This compares with an increase of 1.7 percent for all of 1997. Energy costs, although increasing in October, have continued to act as a moderating influence on overall consumer price index movements thus far in 1998, decreasing at an 8.9-percent annual rate after declining 3.4 percent in all of 1997. Food costs, which rose 1.5 percent in 1997, have risen at a 2.6-percent SAAR in the first 10 months of 1998. Excluding food and energy, the CPI-U has advanced at a 2.4-percent rate thus far in 1998, compared with a 2.2 percent rise for all of 1997.

The food and beverages index rose 0.5 percent in October. The index for food at home increased 0.7 percent, following a 0.2 percent decline in September. The sharp turnaround in the index for fruits and vegetables-- up 3.2 percent in October after declining 2.0 percent in September-- accounted for about three-quarters of the acceleration in the food at home component. In October, the indexes for fresh fruits and for fresh vegetables increased 2.8 and 5.7 percent, respectively. The index for processed fruits and vegetables declined 0.3 percent. Upturns in the indexes for meats, poultry, fish, and eggs and for cereal and bakery

products also contributed to the acceleration in October. Within the former group, meat prices c

Table 1. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): U.S. city average, by expenditure category and commodity and service group

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-U	Relative importance, December 1997	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Oct. 1998 from-		Seasonally adjusted percent change from-		
		Sep. 1998	Oct. 1998	Oct. 1997	Sep. 1998	July to Aug. Aug.	Aug. to Sep. Sep.	Sep. to Oct. Oct.
Expenditure category								
All items	100.000	163.6	164.0	1.5	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.2
All items (1967=100)	-	490.1	491.3	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages	16.310	161.5	162.4	2.3	0.6	0.3	0.0	0.5
Food	15.326	161.1	162.0	2.4	0.6	0.2	0.0	0.6
Food at home	9.646	161.2	162.5	2.2	0.8	0.3	-0.2	0.7
Cereals and bakery products	1.536	181.9	182.2	2.1	0.2	0.5	0.0	0.2
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	2.629	147.5	148.0	-0.6	0.3	0.3	-0.7	0.2
Dairy and related products (1).....	1.037	152.9	155.0	6.4	1.4	1.6	1.6	1.4
Fruits and vegetables	1.394	193.5	199.5	5.8	3.1	-0.4	-2.0	3.2
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	1.077	132.2	132.6	-2.9	0.3	-0.7	0.0	0.4
Other food at home	1.972	152.2	152.7	2.5	0.3	0.7	0.3	0.1
Sugar and sweets .....	.377	150.8	150.5	1.6	-0.2	0.6	0.3	-0.1
Fats and oils .....	.291	152.4	156.8	10.7	2.9	2.0	1.9	2.6
Other foods	1.305	166.3	166.0	2.2	-0.2	0.5	-0.1	-0.4
Other miscellaneous foods (1) (2).....	.309	103.6	103.5	-	-0.1	0.9	0.1	-0.1
Food away from home (1).....	5.680	162.1	162.3	2.6	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.1
Other food away from home (1) (2).....	.172	102.7	102.7	-	0.0	0.7	0.4	0.0
Alcoholic beverages .....	.983	166.3	166.6	1.8	0.2	0.0	0.4	0.1
Housing	39.560	161.5	161.4	2.3	-0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2
Shelter	29.788	183.4	183.9	3.4	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.2
Rent of primary residence	6.885	173.4	173.9	3.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Lodging away from home (2).....	2.327	109.8	109.5	-	-0.3	0.7	2.8	-0.3

Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence (3).....	20.199	189.2	189.8	3.4	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3
Tenants' and household insurance (1) (2) ..	.377	99.2	99.7	-	0.5	-0.1	0.0	0.5
Fuels and utilities	4.942	130.0	127.1	-2.8	-2.2	-0.4	-0.6	-0.2
Fuels	4.018	115.2	112.0	-4.6	-2.8	-0.4	-0.8	-0.4
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	.261	85.9	86.4	-9.3	0.6	-0.7	-1.7	-0.8
Gas (piped) and electricity	3.757	123.3	119.6	-4.4	-3.0	-0.4	-0.8	-0.3
Household furnishings and operations	4.831	126.5	126.6	1.0	0.1	-0.2	-0.3	0.2
Apparel	4.944	133.6	135.6	0.5	1.5	1.1	-0.7	0.1
Men's and boys' apparel	1.390	131.1	134.1	0.8	2.3	0.3	-1.3	1.2
Women's and girls' apparel	1.990	127.8	128.8	0.4	0.8	1.9	-0.5	-1.5
Infants' and toddlers' apparel (1).....	.268	124.9	130.2	3.2	4.2	2.0	0.4	4.2
Footwear .....	.895	128.6	130.3	-0.2	1.3	0.7	-0.4	-0.2
Transportation	17.578	140.7	141.3	-2.2	0.4	0.0	-0.4	0.3
Private transportation	16.240	137.0	137.7	-2.3	0.5	-0.2	-0.3	0.4
New and used motor vehicles (2).....	7.899	99.8	100.1	0.5	0.3	0.2	0.1	-0.1
New vehicles	5.063	142.3	142.5	-0.6	0.1	0.3	-0.1	-0.3
Used cars and trucks (1).....	1.880	151.9	153.0	3.4	0.7	-0.1	0.5	0.7
Motor fuel	2.995	90.0	90.8	-14.9	0.9	-1.6	-2.0	2.6
Gasoline (all types)	2.976	89.5	90.3	-15.2	0.9	-1.5	-2.0	2.7
Motor vehicle parts and equipment .....	.560	101.2	101.4	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.2
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	1.603	168.3	169.0	3.1	0.4	0.2	0.5	0.4
Public transportation	1.338	190.2	189.9	-0.5	-0.2	2.2	-1.6	-1.3
Medical care	5.614	243.9	244.3	3.6	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.2
Medical care commodities	1.222	224.0	224.2	4.0	0.1	0.6	0.6	0.1
Medical care services	4.392	248.4	249.0	3.5	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2
Professional services	2.808	223.7	224.2	3.4	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.2
Hospital and related services	1.334	289.2	290.2	3.6	0.3	0.3	0.0	0.3
Recreation (2).....	6.145	101.3	101.1	1.1	-0.2	0.1	0.1	-0.3
Video and audio (1) (2).....	1.763	101.4	101.1	1.2	-0.3	0.1	0.2	-0.3
Education and communication (2).....	5.528	100.9	101.0	1.1	0.1	-0.5	0.0	0.2
Education (2).....	2.615	104.3	104.5	4.6	0.2	0.4	0.0	0.5
Educational books and supplies .....	.194	253.7	257.0	6.0	1.3	-0.3	1.2	1.4
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	2.421	300.9	301.2	4.5	0.1	0.4	-0.1	0.4
Communication (1) (2).....	2.913	97.9	97.8	-2.2	-0.1	-1.2	0.0	-0.1
Information and information processing (1) (2).....	2.706	97.7	97.6	-2.4	-0.1	-1.3	0.0	-0.1
Telephone services (1) (2).....	2.357	100.7	100.7	-	0.0	-1.1	0.3	0.0
Information and information processing other than telephone services (1) (4)	.350	36.7	36.1	-26.2	-1.6	-3.8	-2.4	-1.6

Personal computers and peripheral equipment (1) (2).....	.234	68.5	67.5	-	-1.5	-5.5	-3.7	-1.5
Other goods and services	4.321	240.4	241.3	5.2	0.4	0.1	0.9	0.3
Tobacco and smoking products .....	.894	283.5	284.9	13.9	0.5	0.1	3.3	0.3
Personal care (1).....	3.427	157.5	158.1	3.1	0.4	0.1	0.3	0.4
Personal care products (1).....	.737	149.1	149.4	3.4	0.2	-0.4	0.4	0.2
Personal care services (1).....	.963	167.1	167.5	2.5	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.2
Miscellaneous personal services	1.465	236.2	236.9	3.5	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.3
Commodity and service group								
Commodities	42.635	141.8	142.6	0.1	0.6	0.1	-0.1	0.4
Food and beverages	16.310	161.5	162.4	2.3	0.6	0.3	0.0	0.5
Commodities less food and beverages	26.326	130.2	130.8	-1.3	0.5	0.0	-0.2	0.2
Nondurables less food and beverages	14.729	132.6	133.6	-1.6	0.8	-0.1	-0.3	0.6
Apparel	4.944	133.6	135.6	0.5	1.5	1.1	-0.7	0.1
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	9.785	137.1	137.6	-2.6	0.4	-0.4	-0.2	0.6
Durables	11.596	126.8	126.9	-0.7	0.1	0.0	-0.3	-0.2
Services	57.365	185.5	185.5	2.5	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.2
Rent of shelter (3).....	29.410	191.0	191.5	3.5	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.2
Transportation services	6.984	187.3	188.2	0.7	0.5	0.4	-0.3	-0.2
Other services	10.625	219.0	219.0	3.0	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.1
Special indexes								
All items less food	84.674	164.1	164.4	1.4	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2
All items less shelter	70.212	157.6	157.9	0.6	0.2	0.1	-0.1	0.3
All items less medical care	94.386	159.2	159.5	1.3	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.3
Commodities less food	27.309	131.6	132.3	-1.1	0.5	0.0	-0.3	0.3
Nondurables less food	15.712	134.6	135.6	-1.3	0.7	-0.1	-0.3	0.5
Nondurables less food and apparel	10.768	138.9	139.5	-2.1	0.4	-0.3	-0.1	0.6
Nondurables	31.039	147.1	148.1	0.5	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.5
Services less rent of shelter (3).....	27.955	193.0	192.6	1.5	-0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
Services less medical care services	52.973	179.6	179.7	2.4	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1
Energy	7.013	102.7	101.3	-9.1	-1.4	-1.0	-1.3	0.9
All items less energy	92.987	171.6	172.2	2.3	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.2
All items less food and energy	77.661	174.2	174.7	2.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2
Commodities less food and energy commodities	24.053	143.2	143.8	0.8	0.4	0.2	-0.1	0.0
Energy commodities	3.256	89.8	90.5	-14.4	0.8	-1.4	-2.1	2.4
Services less energy services	53.608	191.8	192.3	3.0	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1982-84=\$1.00)	-	\$.611	\$.610	-	-	-	-	-

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 (1967=\$1.00) - \$.204 \$.204 - - - - -

- 1 Not seasonally adjusted.
- 2 Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.
- 3 Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.
- 4 Indexes on a December 1988=100 base.
- Data not available.

NOTE: Index applies to a month as a whole, not to any specific date.

Table 2. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): Seasonally adjusted U.S. city average, by expenditure category and commodity and service group

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-U	Seasonally adjusted indexes				Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for					
	July 1998	Aug. 1998	Sep. 1998	Oct. 1998	3 months ended--				6 months ended--	
					Jan. 1998	Apr. 1998	July 1998	Oct. 1998	Apr. 1998	Oct. 1998
Expenditure category										
All items	163.3	163.6	163.6	164.0	0.7	1.2	2.2	1.7	1.0	2.0
Food and beverages	161.2	161.7	161.7	162.5	2.0	0.3	3.6	3.3	1.1	3.4
Food	161.0	161.4	161.4	162.3	1.8	0.3	3.8	3.3	1.0	3.5
Food at home	161.3	161.8	161.4	162.6	1.5	-1.2	4.9	3.3	0.1	4.1
Cereals and bakery products	181.2	182.1	182.1	182.4	0.9	1.6	3.4	2.7	1.2	3.0
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	147.6	148.1	147.1	147.4	-3.2	-2.2	3.0	-0.5	-2.7	1.2
Dairy and related products (1).....	148.2	150.5	152.9	155.0	7.3	0.5	-0.8	19.7	3.9	8.9
Fruits and vegetables	202.0	201.1	197.0	203.3	11.8	-6.4	19.3	2.6	2.3	10.6
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	133.0	132.1	132.1	132.6	-7.1	-2.7	-0.3	-1.2	-4.9	-0.7
Other food at home	150.9	152.0	152.5	152.7	-0.5	1.6	4.4	4.9	0.5	4.6
Sugar and sweets	149.3	150.2	150.7	150.5	4.9	-1.1	-0.8	3.3	1.9	1.2
Fats and oils	147.0	149.9	152.7	156.6	-4.4	0.9	20.5	28.8	-1.8	24.6

Other foods	165.7	166.5	166.4	165.8	3.0	2.7	2.5	0.2	2.9	1.3
Other miscellaneous foods (1) (2).....	102.6	103.5	103.6	103.5	-	5.3	3.6	3.6	-	3.6
Food away from home (1).....	161.1	161.5	162.1	162.3	2.6	2.5	2.3	3.0	2.5	2.6
Other food away from home (1) (2).....	101.6	102.3	102.7	102.7	-	2.0	4.0	4.4	-	4.2
Alcoholic beverages	165.8	165.8	166.5	166.7	2.7	-0.5	2.7	2.2	1.1	2.4
Housing	160.4	160.6	161.0	161.3	1.8	2.8	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3
Shelter	181.9	182.4	183.3	183.7	3.2	3.6	2.9	4.0	3.4	3.5
Rent of primary residence	172.2	172.8	173.4	173.9	3.1	2.9	3.6	4.0	3.0	3.8
Lodging away from home (2).....	100.7	101.4	104.2	103.9	-	5.3	-1.6	13.3	-	5.6
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence (3).....	188.1	188.5	189.0	189.6	3.3	3.7	3.3	3.2	3.5	3.2
Tenants' and household insurance (1) (2)..	99.3	99.2	99.2	99.7	-	0.4	-4.3	1.6	-	-1.4
Fuels and utilities	128.3	127.8	127.0	126.8	-5.7	-1.2	-1.2	-4.6	-3.5	-2.9
Fuels	112.9	112.4	111.5	111.1	-8.3	-2.4	-2.1	-6.2	-5.4	-4.2
Fuel oil and other fuels	90.3	89.7	88.2	87.5	-9.2	-9.8	-6.0	-11.8	-9.5	-9.0
Gas (piped) and electricity	120.6	120.1	119.1	118.8	-8.1	-2.3	-1.6	-5.8	-5.2	-3.8
Household furnishings and operations	127.0	126.8	126.4	126.6	1.3	3.2	1.0	-1.3	2.2	-0.2
Apparel	132.8	134.2	133.2	133.3	-1.2	-0.3	1.2	1.5	-0.8	1.4
Men's and boys' apparel	131.9	132.3	130.6	132.2	2.5	0.0	-0.3	0.9	1.2	0.3
Women's and girls' apparel	126.0	128.4	127.7	125.8	-3.8	2.9	2.3	-0.6	-0.5	0.8
Infants' and toddlers' apparel (1).....	122.0	124.4	124.9	130.2	-4.4	5.9	-13.8	29.7	0.6	5.8
Footwear	128.5	129.4	128.9	128.6	-0.3	-9.0	8.9	0.3	-4.8	4.5
Transportation	141.7	141.7	141.1	141.5	-4.6	-4.1	0.6	-0.6	-4.4	0.0
Private transportation	138.2	137.9	137.5	138.1	-5.0	-4.8	0.9	-0.3	-4.9	0.3
New and used motor vehicles (2).....	100.5	100.7	100.8	100.7	-	0.4	1.2	0.8	-	1.0
New vehicles	143.4	143.9	143.7	143.2	-1.1	0.3	-0.8	-0.6	-0.4	-0.7
Used cars and trucks (1).....	151.3	151.1	151.9	153.0	0.5	0.3	8.6	4.6	0.4	6.6
Motor fuel	92.1	90.6	88.8	91.1	-24.6	-26.9	-0.4	-4.3	-25.8	-2.4
Gasoline (all types)	91.3	89.9	88.1	90.5	-25.3	-27.6	-1.3	-3.5	-26.4	-2.4
Motor vehicle parts and equipment	101.3	101.3	101.3	101.5	-2.0	-1.6	2.8	0.8	-1.8	1.8
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	167.0	167.3	168.1	168.7	3.5	1.7	3.2	4.1	2.6	3.7
Public transportation	190.1	194.2	191.0	188.6	-1.7	6.3	-3.3	-3.1	2.2	-3.2
Medical care	242.8	243.7	244.4	244.9	3.3	4.1	3.7	3.5	3.7	3.6
Medical care commodities	221.7	223.1	224.5	224.7	3.6	3.5	3.7	5.5	3.6	4.6
Medical care services	247.4	248.2	248.6	249.2	3.0	4.4	3.6	2.9	3.7	3.3
Professional services	222.6	223.3	224.0	224.4	3.0	3.9	3.3	3.3	3.4	3.3
Hospital and related services	288.5	289.5	289.5	290.5	3.0	4.3	4.1	2.8	3.7	3.5
Recreation (2).....	101.1	101.2	101.3	101.0	-	2.8	0.4	-0.4	-	0.0
Video and audio (1) (2).....	101.1	101.2	101.4	101.1	2.8	3.2	-1.2	0.0	3.0	-0.6

Education and communication (2).....	100.9	100.4	100.4	100.6	-	2.0	1.6	-1.2	-	0.2
Education (2).....	102.9	103.3	103.3	103.8	-	5.7	4.4	3.5	-	4.0
Educational books and supplies	250.8	250.1	253.2	256.8	1.8	8.7	4.1	9.9	5.2	7.0
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	295.3	296.4	296.1	297.4	5.3	5.5	4.6	2.9	5.4	3.7
Communication (1) (2).....	99.1	97.9	97.9	97.8	-1.6	-1.2	-0.8	-5.1	-1.4	-3.0
Information and information processing (1)										
(2).....	99.0	97.7	97.7	97.6	-1.6	-1.6	-0.8	-5.5	-1.6	-3.2
Telephone services (1) (2).....	101.5	100.4	100.7	100.7	-	2.4	4.0	-3.1	-	0.4
Information and information processing										
other than telephone services (1) (4)	39.1	37.6	36.7	36.1	-20.3	-26.3	-30.3	-27.3	-23.4	-28.9
Personal computers and peripheral										
equipment (1) (2).....	75.2	71.1	68.5	67.5	-	-36.2	-43.1	-35.1	-	-39.2
Other goods and services	238.5	238.7	240.9	241.7	5.0	6.4	5.4	5.5	5.7	5.4
Tobacco and smoking products	273.8	274.2	283.2	284.0	7.1	17.1	15.7	15.8	12.0	15.7
Personal care (1).....	157.0	157.1	157.5	158.1	3.4	3.4	2.9	2.8	3.4	2.8
Personal care products (1).....	149.1	148.5	149.1	149.4	4.5	3.3	5.0	0.8	3.9	2.9
Personal care services (1).....	166.1	166.6	167.1	167.5	2.2	2.2	2.2	3.4	2.2	2.8
Miscellaneous personal services	234.8	235.7	236.5	237.3	4.1	2.1	3.5	4.3	3.1	3.9

Commodity and service group

Commodities	142.1	142.2	142.0	142.5	-1.1	-1.4	2.0	1.1	-1.3	1.6
Food and beverages	161.2	161.7	161.7	162.5	2.0	0.3	3.6	3.3	1.1	3.4
Commodities less food and beverages	130.7	130.7	130.4	130.7	-3.0	-2.4	0.6	0.0	-2.7	0.3
Nondurables less food and beverages	132.7	132.6	132.2	133.0	-5.8	-3.8	2.8	0.9	-4.8	1.8
Apparel	132.8	134.2	133.2	133.3	-1.2	-0.3	1.2	1.5	-0.8	1.4
Nondurables less food, beverages, and										
apparel	137.6	137.1	136.8	137.6	-7.7	-6.2	3.9	0.0	-7.0	1.9
Durables	127.8	127.8	127.4	127.2	-0.3	-0.9	0.3	-1.9	-0.6	-0.8
Services	184.4	184.8	185.2	185.5	2.0	3.3	2.2	2.4	2.7	2.3
Rent of shelter (3).....	189.5	190.3	191.2	191.5	3.3	3.5	2.8	4.3	3.4	3.5
Transportation services	187.8	188.6	188.0	187.7	1.3	2.2	-0.6	-0.2	1.7	-0.4
Other services	217.8	218.1	218.6	218.8	3.0	4.0	3.2	1.8	3.5	2.5

Special indexes

All items less food	163.6	163.8	163.9	164.2	0.5	1.5	2.0	1.5	1.0	1.7
All items less shelter	157.5	157.6	157.4	157.8	-0.3	0.3	1.8	0.8	0.0	1.3
All items less medical care	158.6	158.9	158.9	159.3	0.5	1.0	2.0	1.8	0.8	1.9
Commodities less food	132.3	132.3	131.9	132.3	-2.7	-2.4	0.9	0.0	-2.5	0.5
Nondurables less food	134.8	134.6	134.2	134.9	-4.9	-3.8	3.0	0.3	-4.3	1.7
Nondurables less food and apparel	139.3	138.9	138.7	139.5	-6.6	-5.9	3.5	0.6	-6.2	2.0
Nondurables	147.0	147.0	147.0	147.8	-0.5	-2.4	3.1	2.2	-1.5	2.6
Services less rent of shelter (3).....	192.4	192.4	192.4	192.4	0.6	2.8	2.5	0.0	1.7	1.3

Services less medical care services	178.7	178.9	179.3	179.5	2.1	3.0	2.5	1.8	2.5	2.2
Energy	102.5	101.5	100.2	101.1	-15.5	-13.5	-1.5	-5.4	-14.5	-3.5
All items less energy	171.3	171.7	171.9	172.3	1.9	2.4	2.6	2.4	2.1	2.5
All items less food and energy	173.8	174.2	174.5	174.8	2.1	2.8	2.1	2.3	2.5	2.2
Commodities less food and energy commodities	143.4	143.7	143.6	143.6	0.6	1.1	1.1	0.6	0.8	0.8
Energy commodities	91.8	90.5	88.6	90.7	-23.0	-25.7	-1.3	-4.7	-24.4	-3.0
Services less energy services	190.9	191.4	191.9	192.3	2.8	3.7	2.6	3.0	3.2	2.8

1 Not seasonally adjusted.

2 Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

3 Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

4 Indexes on a December 1988=100 base.

- Data not available.

NOTE: Index applies to a month as a whole, not to any specific date.

Table 3. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): Selected areas, all items index

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-U	Pricing schedule (1)	All items									
		Indexes				Percent change to Oct.1998 from--			Percent change to Sep.1998 from--		
		July 1998	Aug. 1998	Sep. 1998	Oct. 1998	Oct. 1997	Aug. 1998	Sep. 1998	Sep. 1997	July 1998	Aug. 1998
U.S. city average	M	163.2	163.4	163.6	164.0	1.5	0.4	0.2	1.5	0.2	0.1
Region and area size(2)											
Northeast urban	M	169.9	170.5	170.6	171.3	1.5	0.5	0.4	1.3	0.4	0.1
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	170.7	171.4	171.7	172.3	1.7	0.5	0.3	1.5	0.6	0.2
Size B/C 50,000 to 1,500,000 (3).....	M	102.0	102.2	102.2	102.6	1.2	0.4	0.4	0.9	0.2	0.0
Midwest urban (4).....	M	159.8	159.5	159.9	160.1	1.5	0.4	0.1	1.5	0.1	0.3
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	161.2	161.0	161.4	161.4	1.9	0.2	0.0	2.0	0.1	0.2
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 (3).....	M	102.2	102.0	102.2	102.4	1.1	0.4	0.2	1.0	0.0	0.2

Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	153.5	153.3	154.0	154.3	0.7	0.7	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.5
South urban	M	159.3	159.5	159.5	159.8	1.3	0.2	0.2	1.3	0.1	0.0
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	158.5	158.9	158.8	159.0	1.5	0.1	0.1	1.5	0.2	-0.1
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 (3).....	M	102.4	102.5	102.5	102.8	1.0	0.3	0.3	1.0	0.1	0.0
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	160.0	160.2	160.1	159.8	1.8	-0.2	-0.2	1.9	0.1	-0.1
West urban	M	164.3	164.8	165.1	165.5	1.7	0.4	0.2	1.9	0.5	0.2
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	165.1	165.6	165.9	166.3	2.0	0.4	0.2	2.2	0.5	0.2
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 (3).....	M	102.3	102.5	102.7	103.0	0.9	0.5	0.3	0.9	0.4	0.2

Size classes

A (5).....	M	147.7	148.1	148.2	148.5	1.7	0.3	0.2	1.8	0.3	0.1
B/C (3).....	M	102.3	102.4	102.4	102.7	1.0	0.3	0.3	1.0	0.1	0.0
D	M	159.3	159.4	159.7	159.7	1.3	0.2	0.0	1.5	0.3	0.2

Selected local areas(6)

Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI	M	166.5	165.4	165.3	165.7	2.0	0.2	0.2	2.0	-0.7	-0.1
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA	M	162.1	162.6	162.6	163.2	1.3	0.4	0.4	1.3	0.3	0.0
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA	M	173.6	174.2	174.4	174.8	1.5	0.3	0.2	1.6	0.5	0.1
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT	1	170.7	-	172.1	-	-	-	-	2.6	0.8	-
Cleveland-Akron, OH	1	159.9	-	161.5	-	-	-	-	2.7	1.0	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX	1	154.2	-	154.5	-	-	-	-	-	0.2	-
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV (7).....	1	102.8	-	102.9	-	-	-	-	1.5	0.1	-
Atlanta, GA	2	-	161.9	-	162.0	-	0.1	-	-	-	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI	2	-	160.5	-	161.0	2.0	0.3	-	-	-	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX	2	-	147.4	-	148.5	0.8	0.7	-	-	-	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL	2	-	160.8	-	161.1	-	0.2	-	-	-	-
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD	2	-	168.6	-	170.3	1.6	1.0	-	-	-	-
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA	2	-	166.6	-	167.2	2.9	0.4	-	-	-	-
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA	2	-	168.5	-	169.3	-	0.5	-	-	-	-

1 Areas on pricing schedule 2 (see Table 10) will appear next month.

2 Regions defined as the four Census regions. See map in technical notes.

3 Indexes on a December 1996=100 base.

4 The 'North Central' region has been renamed the 'Midwest' region by the Census Bureau. It is composed of the same

geographic entities.

5 Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

6 In addition, the following metropolitan areas are published semiannually and appear in Tables 34 and 39 of the January and July issues of the CPI Detailed Report: Anchorage, AK; Cincinnati-Hamilton, OH-KY-IN; Denver-Boulder-Greeley, CO; Honolulu, HI; Kansas City, MO-KS; Milwaukee-Racine, WI; Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN-WI; Pittsburgh, PA; Portland-Salem, OR-WA; St. Louis, MO-IL; San Diego, CA; Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL.

7 Indexes on a November 1996=100 base.

- Data not available.

NOTE: Index applies to a month as a whole, not to any specific date.

Table 4. Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W): U.S. city average, by expenditure category and commodity and service group

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-W	Relative importance, December 1997	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Oct. 1998 from-		Seasonally adjusted percent change from-		
		Sep. 1998	Oct. 1998	Oct. 1997	Sep. 1998	July to Aug. Aug.	Aug. to Sep. Sep.	Sep. to Oct. Oct.
Expenditure category								
All items	100.000	160.2	160.6	1.3	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.3
All items (1967=100)	-	477.2	478.4	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages	17.903	160.8	161.6	2.2	0.5	0.2	0.0	0.5
Food	16.861	160.4	161.3	2.3	0.6	0.3	-0.1	0.5
Food at home	10.785	160.2	161.3	2.1	0.7	0.3	-0.2	0.7
Cereals and bakery products	1.678	181.8	181.9	2.2	0.1	0.5	0.1	0.1
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	3.125	147.1	147.5	-0.7	0.3	0.3	-0.7	0.2
Dairy and related products (1).....	1.135	152.6	154.6	6.3	1.3	1.6	1.7	1.3
Fruits and vegetables	1.447	192.5	198.4	5.7	3.1	-0.6	-2.0	3.3
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	1.215	130.9	131.3	-2.9	0.3	-0.7	-0.1	0.3
Other food at home	2.185	151.7	151.9	2.4	0.1	0.7	0.2	0.1
Sugar and sweets .....	.420	150.6	150.2	1.5	-0.3	0.7	0.1	-0.1
Fats and oils .....	.332	151.9	156.1	10.4	2.8	1.9	1.7	2.6
Other foods	1.432	166.3	165.7	2.1	-0.4	0.4	-0.1	-0.5
Other miscellaneous foods (1) (2).....	.344	103.7	103.3	-	-0.4	0.7	0.2	-0.4

Food away from home (1).....	6.076	162.0	162.3	2.6	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.2
Other food away from home (1) (2).....	.212	102.8	102.8	-	0.0	0.7	0.6	0.0
Alcoholic beverages	1.042	165.1	165.4	1.6	0.2	0.0	0.3	0.2
Housing	36.450	157.8	157.6	2.1	-0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2
Shelter	27.033	177.9	178.4	3.3	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.3
Rent of primary residence	8.347	173.0	173.5	3.3	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3
Lodging away from home (2).....	1.346	109.8	109.7	-	-0.1	0.5	2.7	0.3
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence (3).....	17.016	172.4	172.9	3.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.3
Tenants' and household insurance (1) (2).. 	.324	99.4	100.0	-	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.6
Fuels and utilities	5.053	130.0	126.9	-2.8	-2.4	-0.5	-0.6	-0.2
Fuels	4.143	114.9	111.6	-4.5	-2.9	-0.6	-0.9	-0.2
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	.229	86.2	86.9	-8.5	0.8	-0.8	-1.8	-0.7
Gas (piped) and electricity	3.914	122.9	119.1	-4.4	-3.1	-0.7	-0.8	-0.3
Household furnishings and operations	4.365	124.9	124.9	0.8	0.0	-0.2	-0.4	0.2
Apparel	5.300	132.0	134.3	0.3	1.7	0.9	-0.5	0.4
Men's and boys' apparel	1.503	130.7	134.1	1.3	2.6	-0.1	-1.0	1.7
Women's and girls' apparel	1.985	125.5	126.9	0.1	1.1	1.9	-0.1	-1.2
Infants' and toddlers' apparel (1).....	.337	125.8	131.0	2.6	4.1	1.9	0.6	4.1
Footwear	1.082	129.3	130.9	-0.7	1.2	0.9	-0.3	-0.2
Transportation	19.847	139.6	140.4	-2.2	0.6	-0.1	-0.4	0.4
Private transportation	18.790	137.1	137.9	-2.3	0.6	-0.3	-0.3	0.5
New and used motor vehicles (2).....	9.285	100.1	100.4	0.7	0.3	0.2	0.0	0.0
New vehicles	5.304	143.4	143.6	-0.8	0.1	0.3	-0.2	-0.4
Used cars and trucks (1).....	3.162	153.2	154.2	3.2	0.7	-0.2	0.5	0.7
Motor fuel	3.682	90.1	90.9	-14.7	0.9	-1.6	-2.1	2.6
Gasoline (all types)	3.658	89.6	90.4	-15.0	0.9	-1.6	-2.0	2.8
Motor vehicle parts and equipment .....	.694	100.5	100.7	0.1	0.2	-0.1	0.0	0.2
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	1.664	169.4	170.3	3.3	0.5	0.2	0.5	0.5
Public transportation	1.057	186.5	186.3	-0.8	-0.1	1.8	-1.7	-1.2
Medical care	4.591	243.2	243.7	3.6	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.2
Medical care commodities .....	.906	220.8	220.8	3.7	0.0	0.5	0.7	-0.1
Medical care services	3.684	248.2	248.8	3.5	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2
Professional services	2.372	225.3	225.8	3.5	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.3
Hospital and related services	1.097	285.3	286.4	3.6	0.4	0.4	0.0	0.4
Recreation (2).....	5.969	101.0	100.8	0.7	-0.2	0.2	0.0	-0.3
Video and audio (1) (2).....	1.968	101.3	101.0	1.1	-0.3	0.1	0.2	-0.3
Education and communication (2).....	5.396	101.1	101.1	1.2	0.0	-0.5	0.1	0.1
Education (2).....	2.402	104.3	104.5	4.7	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.5

Educational books and supplies .....	.192	255.9	259.4	6.0	1.4	-0.4	1.2	1.5
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	2.211	294.9	295.2	4.6	0.1	0.4	0.0	0.4
Communication (1) (2).....	2.994	98.5	98.4	-1.5	-0.1	-1.2	0.1	-0.1
Information and information processing (1)								
(2).....	2.841	98.4	98.3	-1.6	-0.1	-1.2	0.1	-0.1
Telephone services (1) (2).....	2.547	100.8	100.8	-	0.0	-1.0	0.3	0.0
Information and information processing								
other than telephone services (1) (4)	.294	38.2	37.4	-25.3	-2.1	-3.2	-1.8	-2.1
Personal computers and peripheral								
equipment (1) (2).....	.191	69.0	67.5	-	-2.2	-4.3	-3.1	-2.2
Other goods and services	4.544	239.4	240.4	6.3	0.4	0.2	1.3	0.3
Tobacco and smoking products	1.300	283.7	285.2	14.1	0.5	0.3	3.4	0.2
Personal care (1).....	3.244	157.7	158.3	3.3	0.4	0.1	0.3	0.4
Personal care products (1).....	.832	150.1	150.4	3.4	0.2	-0.3	0.3	0.2
Personal care services (1).....	.964	167.4	167.8	2.6	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.2
Miscellaneous personal services	1.226	236.0	236.6	3.9	0.3	0.5	0.6	0.3
Commodity and service group								
Commodities	47.234	141.7	142.4	0.1	0.5	0.1	-0.1	0.4
Food and beverages	17.903	160.8	161.6	2.2	0.5	0.2	0.0	0.5
Commodities less food and beverages	29.331	130.3	131.0	-1.3	0.5	-0.1	-0.2	0.3
Nondurables less food and beverages	15.928	132.1	133.2	-1.8	0.8	-0.5	-0.2	0.8
Apparel	5.300	132.0	134.3	0.3	1.7	0.9	-0.5	0.4
Nondurables less food, beverages, and								
apparel	10.628	136.6	137.3	-2.8	0.5	-0.4	-0.3	0.9
Durables	13.403	126.7	126.9	-0.3	0.2	-0.1	-0.2	-0.1
Services	52.766	182.2	182.3	2.4	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2
Rent of shelter (3).....	26.708	171.3	171.8	3.4	0.3	0.2	0.5	0.3
Transportation services	6.824	184.7	185.8	0.9	0.6	0.2	-0.3	-0.1
Other services	10.006	215.7	215.7	3.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.1
Special indexes								
All items less food	83.139	160.0	160.4	1.1	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.2
All items less shelter	72.967	155.3	155.7	0.6	0.3	0.1	-0.1	0.3
All items less medical care	95.409	156.3	156.8	1.2	0.3	0.1	0.0	0.3
Commodities less food	30.373	131.7	132.4	-1.1	0.5	-0.1	-0.2	0.3
Nondurables less food	16.970	134.0	135.2	-1.5	0.9	-0.3	-0.2	0.7
Nondurables less food and apparel	11.670	138.4	139.0	-2.4	0.4	-0.2	-0.2	1.0
Nondurables	33.831	146.7	147.7	0.3	0.7	0.0	-0.1	0.5
Services less rent of shelter (3).....	26.057	171.8	171.3	1.4	-0.3	0.1	0.1	0.0
Services less medical care services	49.082	176.6	176.6	2.3	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.1
Energy	7.825	101.8	100.5	-9.5	-1.3	-1.1	-1.4	1.0

All items less energy	92.175	168.3	168.9	2.2	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.2
All items less food and energy	75.315	170.3	170.9	2.3	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.2
Commodities less food and energy commodities	26.463	142.8	143.5	0.9	0.5	0.1	0.1	0.1
Energy commodities	3.910	90.0	90.8	-14.2	0.9	-1.6	-2.1	2.4
Services less energy services	48.852	188.8	189.3	2.9	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.2
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1982-84=\$1.00).....	-	\$.624	\$.623	-	-	-	-	-
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1967=\$1.00)	-	\$.210	\$.209	-	-	-	-	-

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Table 5. Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W): Seasonally adjusted U.S. city average, by expenditure category and commodity and service group

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-W	Seasonally adjusted indexes				Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for					
	July 1998	Aug. 1998	Sep. 1998	Oct. 1998	3 months ended--				6 months ended--	
					Jan. 1998	Apr. 1998	July 1998	Oct. 1998	Apr. 1998	Oct. 1998
Expenditure category										
All items	159.9	160.0	160.1	160.6	0.5	0.8	2.3	1.8	0.6	2.0
Food and beverages	160.7	161.1	161.1	161.9	1.8	0.0	3.8	3.0	0.9	3.4
Food	160.3	160.8	160.7	161.5	2.0	0.0	3.8	3.0	1.0	3.4
Food at home	160.3	160.8	160.4	161.5	1.3	-1.3	4.9	3.0	0.0	4.0
Cereals and bakery products	181.0	181.9	182.0	182.1	0.9	1.8	3.6	2.5	1.4	3.0

Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	147.3	147.8	146.7	147.0	-2.9	-2.4	3.3	-0.8	-2.7	1.2
Dairy and related products (1).....	147.8	150.1	152.6	154.6	6.8	0.8	-1.1	19.7	3.7	8.8
Fruits and vegetables	201.6	200.4	196.4	202.9	12.7	-6.9	19.1	2.6	2.4	10.5
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	131.9	131.0	130.9	131.3	-7.2	-2.4	0.0	-1.8	-4.8	-0.9
Other food at home	150.4	151.5	151.8	152.0	-0.3	1.4	4.9	4.3	0.5	4.6
Sugar and sweets	149.3	150.3	150.4	150.2	5.2	-0.8	-0.8	2.4	2.2	0.8
Fats and oils	146.7	149.5	152.1	156.1	-3.9	0.0	20.6	28.2	-2.0	24.3
Other foods	165.9	166.6	166.5	165.7	3.2	2.2	3.4	-0.5	2.7	1.5
Other miscellaneous foods (1) (2).....	102.8	103.5	103.7	103.3	-	4.9	4.4	2.0	-	3.2
Food away from home (1).....	161.1	161.4	162.0	162.3	2.8	2.3	2.3	3.0	2.5	2.6
Other food away from home (1) (2).....	101.5	102.2	102.8	102.8	-	2.0	3.6	5.2	-	4.4
Alcoholic beverages	164.7	164.7	165.2	165.5	2.7	-0.7	2.5	2.0	1.0	2.2
Housing	156.8	156.9	157.2	157.5	1.3	2.9	2.3	1.8	2.1	2.1
Shelter	176.8	177.2	177.9	178.4	3.3	3.3	3.2	3.7	3.3	3.5
Rent of primary residence	172.0	172.4	173.0	173.5	3.1	2.6	4.1	3.5	2.9	3.8
Lodging away from home (2).....	100.8	101.3	104.0	104.3	-	6.1	-3.1	14.6	-	5.4
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence (3).....	171.4	171.8	172.2	172.7	3.1	3.6	3.3	3.1	3.4	3.2
Tenants' and household insurance (1) (2)..	99.4	99.4	99.4	100.0	-	0.4	-4.3	2.4	-	-1.0
Fuels and utilities	128.1	127.4	126.6	126.4	-5.7	-0.9	-1.2	-5.2	-3.3	-3.2
Fuels	112.4	111.7	110.7	110.5	-8.7	-2.1	-1.8	-6.6	-5.4	-4.2
Fuel oil and other fuels	90.8	90.1	88.5	87.9	-8.8	-7.9	-5.1	-12.2	-8.4	-8.7
Gas (piped) and electricity	120.1	119.3	118.4	118.1	-8.7	-1.6	-1.6	-6.5	-5.3	-4.1
Household furnishings and operations	125.5	125.2	124.7	124.9	1.3	3.6	0.6	-1.9	2.4	-0.6
Apparel	131.0	132.2	131.6	132.1	-2.1	-1.8	0.9	3.4	-2.0	2.2
Men's and boys' apparel	131.6	131.5	130.2	132.4	2.2	0.9	-0.3	2.5	1.5	1.1
Women's and girls' apparel	123.4	125.7	125.6	124.1	-4.4	-0.3	1.6	2.3	-2.4	2.0
Infants' and toddlers' apparel (1).....	122.7	125.0	125.8	131.0	-7.3	5.2	-12.6	29.9	-1.2	6.6
Footwear	128.8	130.0	129.6	129.4	-0.9	-10.1	7.5	1.9	-5.6	4.6
Transportation	140.7	140.5	139.9	140.5	-5.2	-4.2	0.9	-0.6	-4.7	0.1
Private transportation	138.2	137.8	137.4	138.1	-5.5	-4.8	1.2	-0.3	-5.2	0.4
New and used motor vehicles (2).....	100.7	100.9	100.9	100.9	-	0.4	2.0	0.8	-	1.4
New vehicles	144.6	145.1	144.8	144.2	-1.9	0.8	-1.1	-1.1	-0.5	-1.1
Used cars and trucks (1).....	152.7	152.4	153.2	154.2	0.8	-0.5	8.8	4.0	0.1	6.4
Motor fuel	92.2	90.7	88.8	91.1	-24.9	-25.6	-0.9	-4.7	-25.3	-2.8
Gasoline (all types)	91.5	90.0	88.2	90.7	-25.3	-26.3	-1.7	-3.5	-25.8	-2.6
Motor vehicle parts and equipment	100.7	100.6	100.6	100.8	-0.8	-2.0	2.8	0.4	-1.4	1.6
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	168.1	168.5	169.3	170.2	3.2	1.9	3.2	5.1	2.6	4.1
Public transportation	187.2	190.6	187.4	185.2	-2.1	5.7	-2.5	-4.2	1.7	-3.4
Medical care	242.1	242.9	243.7	244.1	3.3	3.8	3.9	3.3	3.5	3.6

Medical care commodities	218.7	219.9	221.5	221.3	3.2	3.0	3.9	4.8	3.1	4.4
Medical care services	247.2	248.0	248.5	249.1	3.2	4.0	3.8	3.1	3.6	3.5
Professional services	224.1	224.6	225.5	226.2	2.8	3.7	3.8	3.8	3.2	3.8
Hospital and related services	284.5	285.6	285.6	286.7	3.1	3.8	4.5	3.1	3.4	3.8
Recreation (2).....	100.8	101.0	101.0	100.7	-	2.8	-0.8	-0.4	-	-0.6
Video and audio (1) (2).....	101.0	101.1	101.3	101.0	2.4	3.6	-1.6	0.0	3.0	-0.8
Education and communication (2).....	101.1	100.6	100.7	100.8	-	2.4	2.4	-1.2	-	0.6
Education (2).....	102.9	103.2	103.4	103.9	-	6.1	4.4	3.9	-	4.2
Educational books and supplies	253.3	252.3	255.3	259.1	1.6	9.1	4.2	9.5	5.3	6.8
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	289.4	290.5	290.6	291.7	5.0	6.2	4.3	3.2	5.6	3.7
Communication (1) (2).....	99.6	98.4	98.5	98.4	-0.8	-0.8	0.4	-4.7	-0.8	-2.2
Information and information processing (1) (2).....	99.5	98.3	98.4	98.3	-1.2	-0.4	0.0	-4.7	-0.8	-2.4
Telephone services (1) (2).....	101.5	100.5	100.8	100.8	-	2.4	4.0	-2.7	-	0.6
Information and information processing other than telephone services (1) (4)	40.2	38.9	38.2	37.4	-17.8	-26.9	-31.0	-25.1	-22.5	-28.1
Personal computers and peripheral equipment (1) (2).....	74.4	71.2	69.0	67.5	-	-37.2	-44.0	-32.2	-	-38.4
Other goods and services	236.3	236.7	239.7	240.4	5.4	7.7	6.2	7.1	6.6	6.6
Tobacco and smoking products	273.7	274.5	283.7	284.3	7.3	18.2	14.8	16.4	12.6	15.6
Personal care (1).....	157.0	157.2	157.7	158.3	3.2	3.7	2.9	3.4	3.4	3.1
Personal care products (1).....	150.1	149.6	150.1	150.4	4.5	3.9	4.7	0.8	4.2	2.7
Personal care services (1).....	166.4	167.0	167.4	167.8	2.5	2.5	2.2	3.4	2.5	2.8
Miscellaneous personal services	233.7	234.9	236.2	236.8	4.5	2.3	3.3	5.4	3.4	4.4
Commodity and service group										
Commodities	141.9	142.0	141.8	142.4	-1.4	-1.7	2.0	1.4	-1.5	1.7
Food and beverages	160.7	161.1	161.1	161.9	1.8	0.0	3.8	3.0	0.9	3.4
Commodities less food and beverages	130.7	130.6	130.3	130.7	-3.6	-2.7	1.2	0.0	-3.1	0.6
Nondurables less food and beverages	132.4	131.8	131.5	132.6	-6.1	-4.7	3.4	0.6	-5.4	2.0
Apparel	131.0	132.2	131.6	132.1	-2.1	-1.8	0.9	3.4	-2.0	2.2
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	137.1	136.5	136.1	137.3	-8.5	-6.2	3.6	0.6	-7.4	2.1
Durables	127.6	127.5	127.2	127.1	-0.3	-0.3	0.6	-1.6	-0.3	-0.5
Services	181.2	181.5	181.9	182.2	2.0	3.2	2.2	2.2	2.6	2.2
Rent of shelter (3).....	170.1	170.5	171.3	171.8	3.4	3.4	2.6	4.1	3.4	3.3
Transportation services	185.6	186.0	185.5	185.4	1.8	2.0	0.0	-0.4	1.9	-0.2
Other services	214.5	214.6	215.3	215.5	3.1	4.2	3.0	1.9	3.7	2.5

Special indexes

All items less food	159.5	159.6	159.7	160.0	0.0	1.0	2.0	1.3	0.5	1.6
All items less shelter	155.2	155.3	155.1	155.5	-0.5	-0.3	2.1	0.8	-0.4	1.4
All items less medical care	156.0	156.1	156.1	156.6	0.0	0.8	2.3	1.5	0.4	1.9
Commodities less food	132.2	132.1	131.9	132.3	-3.2	-2.7	1.2	0.3	-3.0	0.8
Nondurables less food	134.2	133.8	133.5	134.5	-5.7	-4.1	2.7	0.9	-4.9	1.8
Nondurables less food and apparel	138.5	138.2	137.9	139.3	-8.4	-5.9	2.6	2.3	-7.2	2.5
Nondurables	146.7	146.7	146.6	147.3	-0.8	-2.7	3.3	1.6	-1.8	2.5
Services less rent of shelter (3).....	171.1	171.2	171.3	171.3	0.5	2.4	2.4	0.5	1.4	1.4
Services less medical care services	175.7	176.0	176.3	176.4	1.9	2.6	2.8	1.6	2.2	2.2
Energy	101.8	100.7	99.3	100.3	-16.8	-13.6	-1.6	-5.8	-15.2	-3.7
All items less energy	168.0	168.3	168.6	168.9	2.0	2.2	2.7	2.2	2.1	2.4
All items less food and energy	170.1	170.4	170.7	171.0	1.9	2.6	2.4	2.1	2.3	2.3
Commodities less food and energy										
commodities	143.0	143.2	143.3	143.4	0.3	1.1	1.4	1.1	0.7	1.3
Energy commodities	92.2	90.7	88.8	90.9	-23.9	-24.7	-0.9	-5.5	-24.3	-3.2
Services less energy services	188.2	188.6	189.1	189.5	2.9	3.5	2.6	2.8	3.2	2.7

1 Not seasonally adjusted.

2 Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

3 Indexes on a December 1984=100 base

4 Indexes on a December 1988=100 base.

- Data not available.

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Table 6. Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W): Selected areas, all items index

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-W	Pricing schedule (1)	All items									
		Indexes				Percent change to Oct.1998 from--			Percent change to Sep.1998 from--		
		July 1998	Aug. 1998	Sep. 1998	Oct. 1998	Oct. 1997	Aug. 1998	Sep. 1998	Sep. 1997	July 1998	Aug. 1998
U.S. city average	M	159.8	160.0	160.2	160.6	1.3	0.4	0.2	1.2	0.3	0.1

Region and area size(2)

PA-NJ-DE-MD	2	-	167.9	-	169.3	1.5	0.8	-	-	-	-
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA	2	-	162.7	-	163.4	2.4	0.4	-	-	-	-
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA	2	-	163.8	-	164.9	-	0.7	-	-	-	-

1 Areas on pricing schedule 2 (see Table 10) will appear next month.

2 Regions defined as the four Census regions. See map in technical notes.

3 Indexes on a December 1996=100 base.

4 The 'North Central' region has been renamed the 'Midwest' region by the Census Bureau. It is composed of the same geographic entities.

5 Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

6 In addition, the following metropolitan areas are published semiannually and appear in Tables 34 and 39 of the January and July issues of the CPI Detailed Report: Anchorage, AK; Cincinnati-Hamilton, OH-KY-IN; Denver-Boulder-Greeley, CO; Honolulu, HI; Kansas City, MO-KS; Milwaukee-Racine, WI; Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN-WI; Pittsburgh, PA; Portland-Salem, OR-WA; St. Louis, MO-IL; San Diego, CA; Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL.

7 Indexes on a November 1996=100 base.

- Data not available.

NOTE: Index applies to a month as a whole, not to any specific date.